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SUBJECT: SA REACTION TO END OF TWO-TIER SYSTEM FOR GOLD.

1. OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED NOV 14. BY ACTING MIN FINANCE
S.L. MULLER NOTED DECISION TO TERMINATE TWO-TIER SYSTEM FOR
GOLD BUT COMMENTED THAT THERE NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT
MONETARY AUTHORITIES WILL ACTUALLY BUY OR SELL GOLD ON PRIVATE
MARKET. STATEMENT CONTINUES: " THE ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO CALLS INTO
QUESTION THE 1969 AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF REGARDING SA GOLD SALES...
THE SA AUTHORITIES ARE THEREFORE RECONSIDERING THEIR POSITION
WITH REGARD TO THIS AGREEMENT IN THE LIGHT OF SA'S INTERESTS
AND WITH DUE REGARD TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE WORLD
FINANCIAL COMMUNITY." IN CONCLUSION, " WHILE THE REMOVAL OF
ARTIFICIAL RESTRAINTS IN DEALING WITH GOLD IS WELCOME, THE
ANNOUNCEMENT SERVES TO EMPHASIZE ONCE AGAIN THE UNREALISTIC
LEVEL OF THE PRESENT OFFICIAL GOLD PRICE."

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, MINING INDUSTRY CONFIDENT THAT FALL IN
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GOLD PRICE WHICH FOLLOWED ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE REVERSED BUT

ANTICIPATED SHORT TERM UNCERTAINTY IN MARKET. IN LONG RUN,
SCRAPPING OF " UNWORKABLE" TWO-TIER SYSTEM SEEN AS BENEFIT TO
INDUSTRY.
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